

Capital Improvements Program

One of the tools which makes it easier to build a planned thoroughfare system is a capital improvements program. This is a long range plan for the spending of money on street improvements, acquisition of right-of-way, and other capital improvements within the bounds of projected revenues. Municipal funds should be available for construction of street improvements which are a municipal responsibility, right of way cost sharing on facilities designated a Division of Highways responsibility, and advance purchase of right of way where such action is required.

The section of the capital improvements program which deals with the thoroughfare plan requires a fairly detailed knowledge of the costs of various projects. Therefore, the cost estimates included in this report should be used with caution since they are preliminary estimates based on general statewide averages of construction costs and "windshield" estimates of right of way costs.